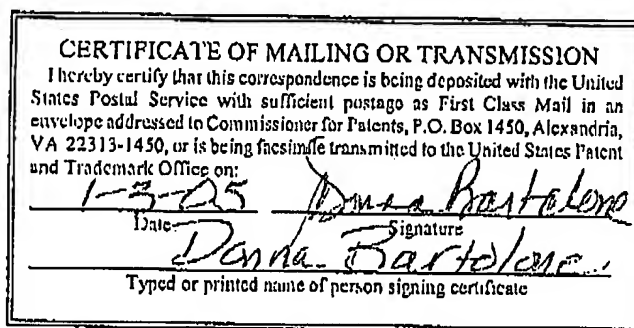


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 1, 2004. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: